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Mrs. Susan Austin  
Fox, Lake  
Dodge Co  
Wisconsin

11 Sept 1864

Nashville September 11<sup>th</sup> 1864  
My own Dear love

I received your kind  
loving letter Friday morning I am sorry  
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My pet the more I look at your likeness the  
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long it will be before I shall be there  
when I get started it won't take long  
to come if I don't stop on the  
way I may stop in Chic. twice or



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that when Orvis & I get back that  
we are going to have a grand time  
fishing & we will bring them a fish  
we will come saturday night & stay all  
the week we dont make any calculations  
of working for a while after this term  
is out it is customary to boar till  
your money is gone & then begin  
to think about work that is  
fashionable among the genteel folk  
of fashionable life

My Dear I dont know as I have much  
more to write there is to be great booming  
here to morrow night on the account  
of the success of our armies in the  
field there is to be one hundred cannon  
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H. Austin

[[Nick Dante 6/30/2016]]

[[Austin Correspondence #6]]

[[Page 1- Envelope]]

[[image- faded black concentric circles insignia]]

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